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SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS TRAVELS TO INDONESIA

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1. FOLLOWING PATTERN OF OPENNESS SET BY PRESIDENT MARCOS, MRS. MARCOS TRIP TO INDONESIA RECEIVED UNPRECEDENTED MEDIA COVERAGE. SIX DAY TRIP LABELED AS CULTURAL TOUR AT INVITATION OF INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT, WITH EMPHASIS ON MRS. MARCOS' OFFER TO HELP RESTORE BOROBUDUR TEMPLE.
2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS MRS. MARCOS WILL STOP IN SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG ON RETURN FROM INDONESIA. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE OTHER SIDE TRIPS AT THIS TIME.
3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MRS. MARCOS' DEPARTURE NOT ANNOUNCED BEFOREHAND AND DETECTABLE ONLY IN FAMILIAR ASSEMBLY OF METROCOM ALONG AIRPORT ROUTE, PUBLICITY GIVEN TO TRIP PROVIDES CONTINUED EVIDENCE OF NEW SENSE OF CONFIDENCE ON PART OF MARCOSES. IN PAST, TRIPS ABROAD BY MRS. MARCOS UNANNOUNCED FOR SECURITY REASONS AND SENSITIVITY TO CRITICISM OF HER EXPENSIVE FRIVOLITY.

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4. AS REPORTED REF B, WE SUSPECT VISIT MAY TAKE ON SUB-

STANTIVE ASPECT VIEW GOP'S ASEAN ASPIRATIONS AND ITS TROUBLES
WITH MALAYSIA OVER MINDANAO.
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